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WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR.
Barometer 30.10.

December 13th, 1912, Temperature a.m. 63, p.m. 65; Humidity...82, 81.

December 13th, 1911, Temperature a.m. 66, p.m. 70; Humidity...63, 62.

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CANADA'S OFFER. AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The House of Commons at Ottawa was crowded when Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved an amendment to Mr. Borden's Naval Bill, demanding the establishment of Canadian Fleets in the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, each to have a super-Dreadnought, manned as far as possible by Canadians and maintained by Canada, the vessels to be at the disposal of Great Britain in an emergency. It also provided for the establishment of naval shipyards in Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his speech, condemned the Government's policy of a direct contribution as being un-Canadian, un-British, and unsuited to the real needs of the Empire. Referring to Mr. Borden's request that Canada should have a voice in questions involving peace or war, he said that was a large contract, and might take years to solve. In the meantime Canada should continue preparations for defence. He declared that if Canada was represented in the Councils of the Empire so must the other Dominions be. He did not believe that foreign affairs would be much benefitted by a multitude of advice.

Before Sir Wilfrid spoke the Premier tabled correspondence between Mr. Winston Churchill and himself showing that Mr. Borden suggested the construction in Canada of cruisers and smaller warships, and possibly Canada would share the extra cost. Mr. Churchill acquiesced, but added that the progress of such a policy depended upon reasonable prices and expedition in construction.

RULE BRITANNIA.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement of the Liberal policy was interrupted by a burst of enthusiasm from everywhere in the House. Members and spectators cheering and singing "Rule Britannia."

DISESTABLISHMENT.

GOVERNMENT'S NARROW SQUEAK.

London, December 13.

During the debate in the House of Commons on the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, Mr. France (Liberal) moved an amendment mitigating the disendowment proposals.

Mr. Lloyd George opposed the amendment, but said he was willing to make peace and go to his constituents and recommend a settlement which might appear from the Welsh viewpoint unjust, but it must be a real settlement. The Opposition, he said, had hitherto gruffly replied to every suggestion of compromise, but whenever the time arrived the Government would readily respond with a real desire for a lasting settlement.

The amendment was rejected by only 285 to 215, ten Liberals voting with the minority.

The result of the division was greeted with Unionist cheers and cries of "Saved by the Irish."

The question of disendowment will again be raised in Inter-

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THE WAR.

GREECE STILL ACTIVE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports vigorous fighting along the whole of the Turco-Grecian frontier at Epirus. The Greeks landed a force at Santi Quicantea, north west of Yanina; this force detached a portion of the Turks from the main body, whereupon the main Greek army attacked in force, and occupied, at the bayonet point, the Turkish advance posts towards the Bizani fortifications.

ADMIRAL BRIDGEMAN.

MR. CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT SATISFIES.

London, December 12.
The "Daily Telegraph," Naval correspondent states that Mr. Churchill's statement concerning Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman's resignation may be accepted as accurate. The senior officers of the Fleet recognise that a reconstitution of the Board of Admiralty was necessary in view of Admiral Bridgeman's ill-health. The "Daily News" says that Mr. Churchill's replies have disposed of any mystery surrounding the Admiral's retirement.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 15th December, 3rd Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins (11 a.m.) (Full Choir) Responses: Ferial, Venite, Stainer, Psalms of the 15th morning Bona dicte: Frostin D. Benedictus: Barnby in E. Anthem: "Lord, bow thine ear"—Mendelssohn. Holy Communion (11.45 a.m.) Kyrie: Smart in F. Hymns: 51, 368, Evansong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Ferial, Psalms of the 15th evening. Magnificat: Good enough (22nd evening), Nunc Dimitiss: Wesley. Hymns: 45, 21, 20.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Preacher, Rev. C. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship, Hymns 438 (2.29) Paraphrases 13, (123) 39 (137). Anthem Subject, "Am I ancient or modern?" 4 p.m. Service for Children 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns 23, 44, 67, 119 (500) 312.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church Hongkong, Sunday Services, December 15th 1912. Morning Prayer and Sermon 11.00 a.m., Preacher, The Ven. Archdeacon Brant, M.A. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon 6.15 p.m. Gospel Meeting at Seamen's Inst: 8 a.m.

Garrison Divine Service—Church of England, Victoria Cathedral 9.15 a.m. Rev. F. G. B. Hastings; Church of England Detention Barracks 8.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Church of England Stonemasons Barracks Under Orders Senior Officer; Church of England Military Hospital Bowen Road 6 p.m. Chaplain; Church of England Lyman Barracks Under Orders Senior Officer; Church of England Kowloon St. Andrew's Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Church of England Sun Wai Camp Chaplain; Baptist Victoria Union Church 11.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman Congregationalist Victoria Union Church 11.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Presbyterian Victoria Union Church 11.30 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Wesleyan Victoria Wesleyan Church 10.15 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Wesleyan Mount Austin 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Roman Catholic Victoria St. Joseph's Church 10.15 a.m. Offg. Clergyman; Roman Catholic Kowloon Rosary Church 10 a.m. Offg. Clergyman.

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THE RAILWAY TROUBLE.

GENERAL STRIKE WANTED.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 12.
A meeting of Midland Railway men was held at Sheffield, and despite a communication from the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants urging them to await instructions, as the grievances of victimisation were being considered, the meeting passed a resolution demanding the resignation with deep regret, hoping that freedom from work and anxiety will lead to a speedy convalescence.

THE KNOX INQUIRY.

Mr. Chester Jones, the London magistrate, after hearing the evidence for the prosecution, intimated that, from the evidence he had heard, he would say that in law Knox was not drunk. After this intimation, witnesses for the defence testified that Knox was sober.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

Result of First Drawing of Ponies.

The racing season might be said to commence with the arrival of the first batch of ponies from the north for the members of the Jockey Club, and it is only natural that a good deal of interest should be taken in the newcomers by the sportsmen of the colony who are lovers of horseflesh. Consequently there was a good attendance yesterday afternoon at Kennedy's Horse Repository when the first drawing of ponies took place. The proceedings were in the hands of Mr. T. F. Hough while among those present were Sir C. Chater, C. M. G., Messrs. H. P. White, F. Maitland, G. K. Hall Bruton, E. S. Kadoorie, Leo D'Almada e Castro and many others. The results of the drawing were as follows:

1. Dun..... R. D. Harvey,
2. Grey..... F. D. Deacon,
3. Grey..... G. Friesland,
4. Grey..... D. M. Ross,
5. Nutmeg Grey Mr. Raymond,
6. Dark Grey..... C. Stewart,
7. Bay..... H. E. Sir F. H. May,
8. Grey..... Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross,
9. Chestnut..... Dr. Hastings,
10. Blue dun..... G. Friesland
11. Grey..... Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross,
12. Dun..... A. David,
13. Chestnut..... T. Christiani,
14. Bay..... D. Landale,
15. Grey, Mr. W. Rees Davies K. C.,
16. Grey..... A. V. Apear,
17. Dark Grey, Mr. Sprightly,
18. Grey..... A. R. Lowe,
19. Grey..... W. B. Walker,
20. Spotted,..... M. L. Sassoone,
21. Grey..... S. H. Michael,
22. Bay..... W. B. Walker,
23. Bay,..... G. K. Hall Bruton,
24. Grey, Leo D'Almada e Castro,
25. Grey..... F. C. Macdonald,
26. Grey..... N. J. Stabb,
27. Grey..... T. F. Hough,
28. Grey..... Way Fong Moss,
29. Chestnut..... M. L. Sassoone,
30. Grey..... E. S. Kadoorie,
31. Grey..... W. Logan,
32. Grey..... Sir C. P. Chater,
33. Dun..... F. Maitland,
34. Dark Grey..... H. M. Soares,
35. Iron Grey, H. E. Sir F. H. May,
36. Grey..... G. K. Hall Bruton,
37. Grey..... Sir C. P. Chater.

Phya Maha Ammat.

His Excellency Phya Maha Ammat, Vice-President of the Interior, Siam, arrived in Singapore from Hongkong on the 2nd by the "York" after his pleasure cruise. In the Philippines he was shown various administrations and was very much struck by the progress made in the various departments. He remains in Singapore for a few days and returns to Bangkok by the "Dell".

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CEYLON.

THE GOVERNOR RESIGNS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The Governor of Ceylon, Sir H. E. McCallum, G.C.M.G., has resigned on medical advice, and that the Right Hon. L. Harcourt (Colonial Secretary) has accepted the resignation with deep regret, hoping that freedom from work and anxiety will lead to a speedy convalescence.

THE GOVERNOR LEAVES.

The Governor leaves on the 23rd of January next.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

The Hankow-Canton Railway.

Mr. Norman Craig asked the Secretary of State whether the Hongkong Government, by an agreement dated Oct. 6, 1905, advanced £1,100,000 at 4.12 per cent, under the authorisation of His Majesty's Government, to the Viceroy of the Middle Yangtze for the repurchase of the Hankow-Canton Railway concession from an American company, and what was the object of His Majesty's Government in authorising such an advance, whether, by a note of Sept. 9, 1906, to the British Consul-General at Hankow, the Viceroy gave His Majesty's Government an undertaking that British capital and materials should have the preference whenever China decided to construct the Hankow-Canton Railway, whether, in March, 1909, the contract was obtained for German capital and German materials by the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, without any warning to His Majesty's Government from the Chinese Imperial Government, in spite of the undertaking above referred to, and in spite of the agreement between the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank itself and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on September 21, 1898, by which British preferential rights in the matter of railway concessions in the Yangtze Valley and the provinces to the south of it were recognised.

Sir E. Gery: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The object of His Majesty's Government in authorising the advance was to secure the connection with the Canton-Kowloon Railway. The answer to the second and third parts of the question is also in the affirmative. A compromise was, however, ultimately effected between the British and German groups, by which the latter agreed to share the contract in return for concessions elsewhere. It is, however, a mistake to refer to an agreement in 1898 between the groups. A resolution in favour of an arrangement of the nature indicated was indeed passed at a conference of the group on the date mentioned, but it was never ratified.

The Dutch Indies.

London, November 22.—The Dutch Chamber has for several days been debating the policy with regard to the education of natives in the East Indies. The Liberals and Socialists complained of the favouritism shown to missionary schools by which the fanaticism of Mahomedans had been excited. This was all the more dangerous in view of events in Turkey, which were already arousing the feeling of Mahomedans. A Roman Catholic member, Mr. Bogard, denied that undue favouritism was shown and declared that the feeling in this connection was due to political agitation.

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PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE DELEGATES ARRIVE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The Greek, Servian, and Montenegrin peace delegates have arrived in London.

Sir Edward Grey will welcome the delegates at the opening of the Conference.

SEARCHLIGHTS AT SEA.

LORD MONTAGU ON THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

Light Enables One to See.

Writing to the "Times" Lord Montagu, who is a noted authority on head-lights for motor-cars and motor-boats asks:—"Does it not seem curious that powerful search-lights are not habitually used by fast liners during darkness?" He submitted that in the case of the fast modern ship one or two powerful head-lights are desirable to be used, not spasmodically but always. Everyone who has seen the ordinary searchlights of the navy at work and stood on the bridge of a ship at night when under way cannot help having noticed the immense assistance afforded the navigator as regards other shipping, unlighted buoys, or narrow entrances to harbours.

In addition to the foregoing statements by competent observers on the value of search-lights for the mercantile marine, profound dissatisfaction prevails among ocean-going travellers and officers of the merchant service in the present state of insecurity of life at sea (especially at night), which finds expression in the press by letters of similar import to those published in the "Manchester Guardian" of the 8th and 19th of August.

The British official report on the loss of the "Titanic," which extends over 74 pages, is remarkable for its brevity respecting searchlights, and consists of five lines only, quoted as follows:—"Should searchlights have been provided and used?—Answer: No, but searchlights are at times of service. The evidence before the Court does not allow of a more precise answer." The brief statements in the report of the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee on the provision and use of searchlights are singularly inaccurate and biased to a degree that deprives them of all value. The utility of searchlights in passing through a canal is only mentioned as "possible," and it ignores the fact that searchlights have been in constant use for many years on the Suez Canal and in the Royal Navy. Before the advent of the searchlight, all vessels navigating the Suez Canal were required to lay up during the night to avoid grounding and collisions. The navigation is now continuous, and the capacity of the Canal, consequently, nearly doubled.

Coal Output Increased.

The quantity of Chikuho coal from the collieries in the Northeast provinces of Kyushu that was placed on the market last month was 744,831 tons, an increase of 72,800 tons on the figures of the previous month. Of the total amount, 612,084 tons were sent to Wakamatsu, 83,608 tons to Moji, and 41,615 tons to other Kyushu ports, the remainder being taken by the Kyushu railway. The export from Moji during the first ten days of November was 62,878 tons, a decrease of 13,000 tons from the figures of the same period of last month. Fushun coal exported through Dairen during the first six months of this year is returned at 203,340 tons, showing an increase of 162,956 tons on the figures for the same period of last year. The shipments totalled 57,000 tons to Yushan Kaisha to have the steamers on the European line sent to Dairen for the shipment of beams, timbers, and oil for Europe.

The Manchurian Railway's Commercial Ventures.

The Dairen correspondent of the "Mainichi" wires that the machinery and plant to work the Fushun colliery have been brought to perfection, but the coal produced there having no recognised market, the great colliery is of little value. After months of consideration, the South Manchuria Railway Company has devised a scheme for manufacturing sulphate of ammonia at the colliery and shipping the product to Japan Proper. The correspondent further states that the South Manchuria Railway Company is negotiating with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to have the steamers on the European line sent to Dairen for the shipment of beams, timbers, and oil for Europe.

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"WHITE SLAVERY."

GRATIFYING NEWS.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, December 13.
The White Slavery Bill received the Royal Assent to-day. Many notorious bullies and procurers left London yesterday.

LEASE PROPERTY IN YOKOHAMA.

Attempt to Collect Municipal
Taxes Already Paid.

The "Japan Gazette" is informed that a large number of demand-notes for municipal taxes have been distributed by the Yokohama City Office among the foreign houses on perpetual leasehold property on the Bluff and warns foreigners against paying such undue demands. The municipal taxes due in respect of perpetual lease property on the Bluff and in the Settlement have already been paid in the form of ground-rent, and any attempt to collect them twice will be steadily resisted by the leaseholders' Committee.

This attempt has frequently been made by Municipal authorities in the past, says the "Gazette," but without authorisation of the Central Government, and only give trouble to both parties concerned. A little variation in the procedure this time is said to be the inclusion in the notes of a demand for taxes alleged to be due for some years past, and the addition of a threat of distraint if the demand be not met within seven days of its receipt. Of course, the Municipal authorities are aware this claim is a diplomatic question, and know that the foreign leaseholders are acting with the full concurrence of their diplomatic representatives, but they nevertheless persist in thus flying in the face of their own Central Government. It seems that some underlings in the City Office are hoping that the foreign ladies to whom the demand notes are presented in the absence of the head of the house may be frightened by the distraint clause into paying. Once paid, there would be endless difficulty in recovering the amount. Foreign residents are, therefore, again cautioned against these extraordinary Municipal tactics, which are both unsanction

GENERAL NEWS.

The New Woman.

Dr. Henry Head, one of the world's greatest specialists on the nervous system, declares co-education and love of independence have developed a race of selfish women, in whom the maternal instinct is being fast blotted out. He adds that association with the new woman has developed a type of cool, calculating, nonmarrying young men.

Japan and the Philippines.

On being asked for his views on Philippine independence, the Rev. Robert F. Fitch said: "Nothing would suit the Japanese better than the withdrawal of American authority in Philippines and an international agreement regarding autonomy or neutralization of the Philippine Islands. The Japanese had agreed to autonomy in Korea and the neutralization of Manchuria. But the Japanese were in Korea and in Manchuria to stay, and nothing but the actual presence of American authority backed up by American troops and forts and battleships would keep the Japanese from ultimate control of the Philippines."

Motor Car Shipment Record.

The record shipment to the East of forty-one motor cars in one ship and consigned to one firm arrived at Singapore on the 5th per steamer, Bloemfontein. They were all "Fords," and were to the order of Messrs. Wernicke Brothers, Limited, Orchard Road, —the Ford specialists.

Modern Fire-arms and wounds.

Professor Jelinka, of Prague University, has delivered an interesting lecture on his experiences in Belgrade. He had already treated 870 wounded, of whom only two suffered amputation. Remarkable is the rapid and successful healing of wounds caused by contemporary firearms. Even injury to the heart occasioned by the rifle healed quickly and thoroughly. On the strength of these observations he characterizes the modern rifle as a weapon which disables but seldom kills.

Singapore Mortality Returns.

The mortality returns for Singapore issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths, show that, during the week ending November 30, there were 237 deaths, (179 males, 58 females) giving a ratio per mille of population of 32.32. Malaria fever accounted for 30 deaths, phthisis 15, convulsions 25, beri-beri 33, bronchitis 4, dysentery 17, pneumonia 9. Twenty-six children under three months of age died. The nationalities were represented as follows:—European 1, Eurasian 1, Chinese 181, Malays 41, Indians 13.

A German Big Gun.

According to official information (says the Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Mail") 15-inch guns 62ft. in length, 101 tons in weight, and throwing projectiles weighing 1,650lb. (nearly three-quarters of a ton), are being mounted on the latest type of German super-Dreadnought. It is also stated that 15in guns have been mounted in the German battleships of the Kaiser class, which have hitherto been supposed to be armed only with 12in. guns. Guns of 15in. and 16in. bore are being tried in this country, but, so far as is known, no warship as yet building for the British Navy will be armed with any weapon heavier than the improved 13.5in gun, which fires a 1,400lb. shell and is 55ft. in length.

Heroic Montenegrin Women.

Writing to the "Daily Chronicle", Miss M. E. Durham, the only lady war correspondent in the Balkans, says: "Soon I found myself in the midst of a struggling mass of ammunition mules floundering up the pass with their heavy burdens. They carried death. There were others—human couriers—who carried life—Montenegrin women bearing food to their men. Nothing in this campaign has been more striking than the extraordinary heroism of these women, who tramp backwards and forwards—even from distant towns—to the camps at the front. It is one of the most memorable features of a nation at war. Many of these women have been severely wounded while carrying water to the actual firing line. But that does not keep them back, for they gladly share the dangers of their husbands and brothers and sons."

USURY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Officials as Money-Lenders.

The Governor-General of the Philippine Islands has been investigating a charge against Mr. P. G. McDonnell, one of the leading officials of Manila, of having taken more than 18 per cent. a year on money lent by him contrary to an order promulgated by Governor-General Forbes. The Governor-General's letter of accusation and Mr. McDonnell's lengthy reply are published in the Manila Press. Mr. McDonnell emphatically denies that he has violated the order.

It is announced that Solicitor-General George R. Harvey, Assistant Attorney-General George A. Malcolm, City Attorney Isaac Adams, and Treasurer George J. Munro of Iloilo, will be called upon by the Governor-General to explain their connection with certain loans alleged to have been made by them at a higher rate of interest than that allowed by executive regulation.

The following extract from Mr. McDonnell's reply is of more than local interest:

"I feel that it is but fair to call the attention of your Excellency to the conditions as they exist in the Philippine Islands in reference to money. You must know with your familiarity with affairs in the Philippine Islands that the rate of eighteen per cent. per annum is not only usual but reasonable under existing conditions. The average individual who invests money in the Philippine Islands is satisfied with a return of not less than this amount. The Philippine Islands have not reached the point in their economic development where there is a surplus of money available for loaning purposes, and until that time arrives the borrower to secure money will find it necessary to offer a return which may safely be expected to earn if diverted into other channels. The existence of these conditions is recognized by the fact that the maximum rate fixed at which Government employees may loan money is eighteen per cent."

AMERICA'S PRESIDENT

Dr. Woodrow Wilson as Scholar and Author.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson was born fifty-six years ago of mingled Scotch-Irish and English stock. He was president of Princeton University before he entered politics two years ago, and was elected Governor of New Jersey. He is a distinguished scholar and author.

"I have never heard Mr. Wilson lecture, but I have read pretty nearly everything he has ever written, and I have talked with the man himself," says Mr. Sydney Brooks in the "Chronicle." "Nothing more is needed to enable one to understand the extraordinary reputation he amusses as the Princeton professor of jurisprudence and politics. As much as any man one is ever likely to come across, Mr. Wilson has the supreme gift of a clarifying mind, a power of vivid and luminous speech, and an intelligence abounding with ideas, yet scientifically cool and keen and honest in its processes."

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Open-Mindedness.

"I should not envy the man who tried to persuade Mr. Wilson to act against his conscience; but I should have no fears about trying to convince him that, on a given question, he had reached a wrong opinion. No one with his alertness and open-mindedness, no one so unpretentious and so conscious of his limitations, and so insistent as he is, on getting

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THE STRIKE AT HOME.

The telegrams still give no very encouraging account of the industrial state of affairs at Home. In connection with the latest strike, it is urged by the men that the driver, Knox, about whom all the trouble has arisen, was unjustly discharged, inasmuch as the allegation of drunkenness was not proved; and there must have been very serious grounds for this contention, or a London magistrate would not have arrived at the decision mentioned in to-day's wire. Since the man can—as is maintained—produce a five-and-thirty years' good character, and since he can show that the accusation made against him was groundless, we can easily understand that the employers' refusal to re-instate him would create indignation among his fellow workers. Inasmuch as he has doubtless been the victim of a misunderstanding, we would like to see the fullest compensation made to him; but we cannot conceive how men with a grain of sense can go on strike with no greater incentive than this. We give them full credit for their sense of fairness and for their readiness to stand by their mate when he is in trouble; but—if we may ask—why strike?

We have before had occasion to remark that, where an eye to his own real and permanent interests is concerned, the British workman is somewhat of an ass. In the agricultural districts he is content to let the world glide past him, and to trust to charities, the Poor Law authorities, or to that extra big harvest which never comes, to get him out of his financial difficulties. In London he spends his time focussing his eye on "the main chance," (which is usually no chance at all) frankly owns his inability to fight his own money battles, and is perfectly willing to support a pack of agitators who thrive on his innocent belief that they are relieving him of his troubles. In the Northern industrial centres we meet a type of workman who is long-headed and far-seeing on every point on earth save this particular one of being led by the nose by labour agitators. On any other subject but this he is shrewd, deep-thinking, slow to arrive at a conclusion—never arriving at it at all till reason is amply satisfied.

Had the North Country workman been asked to apply his reasoning powers to any other matter than a labour dispute, he would have ruminated, argued, weighed all considerations, and finally decided on the course which, in his view, most made for general betterment. But where strike agitation comes in, his shrewdness and power of sober reflection desert him and he becomes no better than the Southerner; just one of a mob; just a sheep that jumps with the rest of the flock. In this case it does not seem to have dawned on the men that, for a very small fraction of what the union is losing in strike-pay, an appeal against the magistrate's decision could have been carried to a higher court, and abundant provision could have been made meanwhile for the accused men's immediate maintenance. But no; they would rather throw up their work and, when union funds run short, send round agents to take up a collection for the sustenance of their starving families! How long will it take them to find that they are playing a foolish and a losing game?

The "Telegraph's" Progress.

The "Telegraph" is always ready to offer a word of praise where energy is displayed by any public body or company, and it may be permitted to make reference to certain features in to-day's issue. It is enlarged by two pages which are devoted to special Christmas advertisements and to what are technically known as "write-ups." These pages will be found of peculiar value by would-be shoppers, and hence by our advertisers. This brings us to the point we wish to make. We take our readers into our confidence so far as to say that these pages represent solid business and are the result of arrangements between advertisers and ourselves. In this respect they differ from the usual hastily-written Christmas notes which have hitherto been customary and they form an entirely new departure. There are other proofs in to-day's issue that the "Telegraph" is making substantial progress—quite a few columns, for instance, in entirely new type. And this is little more than the beginning of progress.

Radical Comment.

It is significant that the Radicals, who are ostensibly "All for Progress," seem unable to accept any new suggestion or measure that, beyond doubt, would make for the good of the country, without cavilling or criticizing. Instances of this have been more plentiful than ever, of late. No sooner did Mr. McKenna propose that the russians who live on the white slave traffic should be flogged, than men of his own party turned against him and persisted in regarding him as a brute and a tyrant. No sooner, again, does a Colony offer a warship to the Empire than these cavillers seek to belittle that Colony's generosity and patriotism. This kind of thing was especially marked where the F. M. S. warship was concerned. It is hard to please everybody.

U. S. Shipping Rules.

A despatch from the Secretary of State appears in the Government Gazette intimating the closing of certain United States harbours to commercial or privately owned vessels of foreign registry.

DAY BY DAY.

If you are going to be master in your own house, don't tell any one about it.

Portuguese Cruiser Arrives.

The Portuguese cruiser Adm. master arrived to-day from Macao.

Seamen's Institute Concert.

An interesting concert at the above institute is announced for Monday night.

Removal.

Mr. J. P. Braga is owing his printing business on the 16th inst. from Queen's Road to 8 Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong Christian Union.

The Rev. W. W. Rogers will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

The Navy League.

It is noticed that "The Navy League (Hongkong Branch)" has been exempted by the Governor-in-Council from registration under the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

Again Remanded.

The motor car case in which the man Powell is the complainant, was again remanded by Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, as Powell is still in hospital.

Harbour Offenders.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning Wong Chai and Wong Shing, fishmongers, were charged with anchoring their boats within 100 yards of low water mark, in a prohibited place and during prohibited hours on Dec. 13. They were each fined \$1.

CAPTAIN'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

Capt. St. J. George, well known in connection with the Eastern and Australian S.S. Coy's mail service, has been offered a position in the Torres Strait Pilot Service. He has, therefore, tendered his resignation as commander in the E. and A. Line to take up the Pilot work. Capt. St. J. George has been associated with the E. and A. Coy for a period of 27 years and carries the best wishes of a large number of friends in shipping and commercial circles. Whilst regretting his severance from the company's service, Capt. S. G. Green, the marine superintendent of the E. and A. Co., writes to Capt. George offering his good wishes for his future welfare.

HONGKONG HOLIDAYS.

Thirteen Fixed for Next Year.

It is noticed in the Government Gazette that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1913:—

Public Holiday:

Empire Day—Saturday, 24th May.

General Holidays:

Wednesday, 1st January.

Thursday, 6th February.

Good Friday—21st March.

Saturday, 22nd March.

Easter Monday—24th March.

Whit Monday—12th May.

King's Birthday—Tuesday, 3rd June.

Monday, 4th August.

Monday, 13th October.

Monday, 10th November.

Christmas Day—Thursday, 25th December.

Friday, 26th December.

It is further noticed that His Excellency the Governor has excluded the Police Magistrates' Department from the operations of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, on the 22nd and 24th March, 12th May, 4th August, 13th October, 10th November, and 26th December.

The Pearl Mills.

"The Pearl Mills, Limited," is the title of a spinning and weaving company recently formed in Bombay.

It is proposed to commence

operations with 35,000 spindles,

about 1,000 looms, with an equipment of the latest and best machinery.

The capital is Rs. 20 lakhs and more than half the shares have been taken up by the directors and Messrs. Currimbhoy Ibrahim and Co., the managing agents.

TO PREVENT BOYCOTTS

A New Move by the Hongkong Government.

The Hongkong Government is apparently determined to deal more rigorously with organised breaches of the peace in the Colony, for to-day's "Government Gazette" contains two important intimations which will place greater power in the hands of the authorities.

The first of these is a Proclamation by His Excellency the Governor declaring the Colony subject to the provision of Sections 7 to 14 of the Peace Preservation Ordinance, which, it will be recalled, were brought into operation following the rioting at the time of the Chinese Revolution and subsequently cancelled.

But the most important step taken is the drawing up of a Bill, to be read a first time at the Legislative Council meeting on the 19th inst., entitled an Ordinance to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings.

The important clauses of this Ordinance are as follow:—

3. Any person who shall be a member of or take part in any society which shall use violence, threat or intimidation to or towards any person or persons with the view of causing any person or persons either to do any act which such person or persons has or have a legal right to abstain from doing, or to abstain from doing any act which such person or persons has or have a legal right to do, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

4. Any person who shall use violence, threat or intimidation to or towards any person or persons with the view of causing any person or persons either to do any act which such person or persons has or have a legal right to do, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

5. Any person who shall commit boycotting as defined in this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

6. Any person who shall aid, abet, incite, induce or attempt to induce any person or persons to commit any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed an offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

7. Any person who commits any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one year or to both such punishments in addition to any other penalty or civil claim to which such person may be legally liable in respect of any act committed by him in or in connection with the commission by him of any offence against the provisions of this Ordinance.

8. (1) The Governor-in-Council may whenever it shall appear to him desirable for the prevention, detection or punishment of offences against the provisions of this Ordinance declare by Proclamation published in the Gazette that any area in the Colony shall be deemed to be a boycotting district.

(2) Upon any such area being declared to be a boycotting area in manner provided in the preceding sub-section the Governor-in-Council may order by Proclamation published in the Gazette that a special rate be levied upon and payable by the inhabitants of such proclaimed area.

(3) Any such order for the levy and payment of a special rate as aforesaid shall prescribe the amount of such rate, the class or classes of property upon which such rate shall be levied and the period for which such rate shall be levied.

(4) The payment of any special rate imposed under the provisions of this section shall be made and shall be capable of being enforced in the same manner as are rates levied under the provisions of the Rating Ordinance 1901.

(5.) The Governor-in-Council may in his discretion exempt from the payment of any special rate levied under the provisions of this section any person who is an inhabitant of or property owner in any area proclaimed as a boycotting area under the provisions of this section.

(6.) It shall be lawful for the Governor-in-Council to order the payment to any person who may have incurred pecuniary loss or suffered damage by reason of any offence committed against the provisions of this Ordinance of the whole or any part amount of any special rate levied under the provisions of this section.

9. This Ordinance shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1913, but if

HONGKONG THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the Week Ending December 14th.)

[Under the above heading we intend publishing once a week on Saturday—a précis of the more interesting happenings in Hongkong during the corresponding week 30 years ago, as revealed by an examination of the issues of the "Hongkong Telegraph" for that period. This is a feature which we feel sure will be appreciated by our readers.]

Masonic Ball.

On December 8th, 1882, a meeting was held at the Freemasons Hall, Zetland Street, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the grand ball arranged to be given under Masonic auspices in celebration of the anniversary of St. John's Day. It was agreed that the ball be held in January following, and the subscription was fixed at \$10 with \$5 for each non-Masonic guest.

The Ricksha Nuisance.

In the leading article of December 9th there is a reference to the dangers of street traffic. We are told that "the jinricksha nuisance is going from bad to worse, and rendering our roads almost impassable." It is advocated that the number of rickshas be reduced by at least one-half and the rule of the road strictly enforced by severe penalties.

Cricket.

A match between the Buffs and the Hongkong Cricket Club took place on the 8th, resulting in a win for the military men by an innings and one run. The Club compiled 81 and 65 and the Buffs 147. For the Club Mr. H. E. Wodehouse was top scorer with 27 and Lieut. R. S. Hedley, R.E., next with 26. The highest score of the match was put up by Capt. Howarth, who made 31.

Masonic Installations.

A meeting of Lodge of Victoria, No. 1026, was held on the 9th, when Bro. W. Kerfoot Hughes was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were also invested:—S.W., Bro. W.H. Ray; J.W., Bro. E.B. Jorey; S.W., Bro. A.E.C. Hawkins; Sec., Bro. A.O.D. Gourdin; S.D., Bro. L.G. Balfour; I.G., Bro. S.W. Wright; Tyler, Bro. J.R. Grimal. A supper was subsequently held.

On December 11th at the Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618 S.C., was held, Bro. Robert Fraser-Smith being installed R.W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were also invested:—T.P.M., Bro. James Christie; S.W., Bro. J.W. Croker; Treas., Bro. J. Vanstone; Sec., Bro. L. Wall; S.D., Bro. W. Schmidt; J.D., Bro. D.S. Heysman; D.C., Bro. L. Kirschmann; Steward, Bro. A. Wohlers; I.G., Bro. W. Ramsey; Tyler, Bro. T. Parting-ton.

The Courts and Business.

Thirty years ago, apparently, the Courts worked well in with business interests, for we read on December 11th that owing to the 18th falling on a Monday, the Criminal Sessions were to be postponed until the Wednesday, "so as not to impede the mail work."

Earthquake Shocks.

Three shocks of earthquake, at intervals of about a minute, were felt very distinctly in the Colony on the night of the 9th, the oscillation being from east to west.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar, on demand, on December 14th, 1882, was 27.1.2.

GRAPES FRUIT LOCALLY GROWN.

Those who take an interest in

SPECIAL CABLES.

THE CRISP LOAN.

SECOND HALF CANCELLED.

[Our Own Correspondent].
Shanghai, December 14.
It is understood that Mr. Crisp has agreed to cancel the second half of the ten million Loan and not to pay two millions of the balance already floated but unpaid.

The question of compensation for the accommodation has not yet been determined.

MONGOLIA AFFAIR.

RUSSIA GETTING IMPATIENT.

[Our Own Correspondent].
Shanghai, December 14.
Russia is displaying impatience with Peking over the settlement of the Mongolian question.

TURKS FROM CHINA.

Everybody knows that the Turks are a sort of Tartars (like the Bulgarians), but it is perhaps not generally known that they originally came from China. A correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" writes that the name "Turk" was first heard of about 530 A.D. when the first Khans began to give trouble. The name means "helmet," and arises from a helmet-shaped mountain under the lee of which the tribe dwelt as ironworkers. After some years of fighting both with their own former Tartar suzerain rulers and with Chin, the Turks, or "Helmets" dwellers, became a power of the first class, giving their name to all the other kinsman tribes, but soon split up into the Northern and Western divisions—the latter had relations with Persia and Constantinople during the sixth and seventh centuries. Being ultimately both of them, crushed by Chin, they worked their way west, as their forebears the Huns did, and we can easily trace their path to Adrianople.

RATHER WARM.

The Trials and Troubles of a Stowaway.

A Chinese named Li Ki was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, by Inspector Kerr, with being a stowaway on board the s.s. *Taming*, on her recent trip to Manila.

Defendant said he was put in a hole under the boiler, by a stoker. It was so hot there that it scorched him (laughter) and he could not bear it (laughter). He screamed out "save life" (more laughter), and then he was found (laughter).

His Worship:—Are you having many of these cases?

Inspector Kerr:—Not on these boats, but to Australia, —Yes. This is only a Manila boat.

Is the ship liable to be fined? —Yes. The ship is liable to a fine of \$500 (gold) \$500, or six months.

A GAME OF CHANCE.

Soldier Convicted of Gambling.

A the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Hazelton, a private in the 24th Punjabis, was charged with gambling.

Inspector Cameron said that he saw the defendant with several others playing a game with shells on the hillsides at Yaumati. All the men were soldiers, and were playing for money.

Indian P.S. 581 said the game that the men were playing was known to him. The shells were used for currency in India, where the game was frequently played.

The defendant denied that he was playing the game; he was passing and looked on at the game.

His Worship said he was satisfied after hearing the evidence that the game was a game of chance, and that the defendant was playing it. He would be fined \$5 or in default fourteen days.

THE BOATSWAIN'S MATE.

Clever Entertainment Last Night.

There was a fairly good house present last night at the entertainment in the Theatre Royal. But we should expect to see a much bigger audience to-night. The entertainment was excellent from end to end and can be warmly recommended to those who did not see it last night. It was graced by the presence of H. E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, Lady May, and Miss May.

The first part of the entertainment was varied and clever.

The band of the Minotaur opened it with "William Tell," and from that point the evening's work passed very smoothly. Blacksmith Griffiths of the Minotaur gave an exhibition of weight lifting which was wonderfully clever for an amateur. Some of his feats were equal to the best class of professional strong man.

Mr. White R. N. sang "The Toreador" and responded with "Glorious Devon" when he was vociferously encored. Some "blind boxing" was a clever turn; so was that by the Windsor Naval Banjo Troupe, which is a first-class combination. Mr. P. West and Mr. Allan were at their best, and what that means Hongkong audiences know well.

Part two of the programme was "The Boatman's Mate," by W. W. Jacobs. It is Jacobs at his best; it also saw three clever Hongkong amateurs at their best. Mrs. W. B. Walker as the landlady was the cleverest of the three members of the cast. Her work, notably in the gun and grave scenes, was admirable and beyond praise.

Lieut. T. E. Greenhields R. N., as George Ban and Sub. Lieut. G. O. Maund, R. N., as Ned Travers made every joke in the comedy which could be made; and Jacobs himself would have been delighted. "The Boatman's Mate" should be seen to-night.

One must offer a word of praise to the band, under the direction of bandmaster F. Jordan.

The scenery had been kindly lent by the Amateur Dramatic Club, and the following also deserve mention:—General Manager, Sub-Lieut. G. O. Maund, R. N., Business Manager, Lieut. T. E. Greenhields, R. N., Stage Manager, Lieut. G. M. Welman, R. N., Asst. Stage Manager, Capt. G. Harrison, R.M.L., Musical Director, Bandmaster F. Jordan, Electrician L. S. Pearce.

The variety programme for to-night is as follows:—

Overture ... Willian Tell.

Comic Song ... Mr. Allan.

The Windsor Naval

Banjo Troup.

Song ... Mrs. Schofield

Weight Lifting Exhibition.

Blacksmiths.

Griffiths H. M. S. Minotaur.

Song ... The Toreador

Mr. White, R. N.

Comic Song ... Mr. H. West.

A QUESTION OF TENDER.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gomptey, Oyager Singh, watchman to N. Mody & Co. sued Charagh Din Master tailor of Victoria Barracks, and Aloum Din tailor for Messrs Gross and Co., Dex Vaux Bond to recover the sum of \$69.30 being as, to \$60 the amount under a promissory note dated Sept. 11, 1912 and as to the remainder, interest thereon.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro for the defendant.

Mr. D'Almada Castro said that at the last hearing he pleaded that the amount due was tendered by the defendant. The onus was on him to prove it.

Charagh Din in the witness box deposed to tendering \$67.50 the amount originally due to the plaintiff two or three times, but the plaintiff refused to accept it saying he wanted 4 per cent interest and not 2 per cent.

Plaintiff's case in reply to that of the defendant, was that he had been pressing the defendant's right up to the time of the issue of the writ. There had been no tender of the money made.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff.

SANITARY BOARD.

The following are the orders of the day for the meeting on Tuesday December 17th:—

Letter from Government relative to permits for obtaining building materials and turf from the Pokfulum Catchment area.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of a temporary market in Canal Road West.

Letter from Government relative to the erection of one water closet on the 6th floor of the Hongkong Hotel Marine Lot No. 7.

Applications for permission to erect three water closets and three urinals at the School of Anatomy, Hongkong University, Island Lot No. 1859, Pokfulum Road.

Correspondence relative to the well at No. 393, Shanghai Street.

List of legal proceedings taken by this Department against persons for breaches of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances 1903-1911 for the month of November, 1912.

Mortality return from Macao for the weeks ending 25th November and 2nd December, 1912.

Mortality return for the weeks ending 23rd, and 30th November and for the month ending 30th November, 1912.

Limewashing return for the fortnight ending 26th November, 1912.

Rat return for the weeks ending 30 November and 7th December, 1912.

THEFTS FROM BLUEJACKETS.

A bluejacket on one of H. M. Torpedo boats saw a coal coolie taking a pair of boots from the ship. Thinking they were his own, he buttonholed the thief. He found, however, that the boots belonged to a ship mate of his. Later he found that his own boots were also missing. In consequence a search was made and three coolies were arrested.

At the Police Court, this morning, the men were brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, and charged. The first man for being in unlawful possession of one pair of boots was fined \$25 or in default one month's imprisonment. The man who was seen stealing the boots was also fined \$25 or in default one month. The third man was discharged.

THE AMERICAN ABROAD.

The American who, in his own country, is in feverish haste to improve conditions, when he sets foot in Europe becomes the fanatical foe to progress. The Old World, in his judgment, ought to look old. He longs to hear the clatter of wooden shoes. If he had his way he would have laws enacted forbidding peasant folk to change their costumes. He would preserve every relic of feudalism. He bitterly laments the division of great estates. A nobleman's park with its beautiful idle acres, its deer, its pheasants, and its scurrying rabbits, is so much more pleasant to look at than a succession of market-gardens. Poachers, game-keepers, and squires, are alike interesting, if only they would dress so that he could know them apart.

He is enchanted with thatched cottages which look damp and picturesque. He detests the model dwellings which are built with a too-obvious regard for sanitation. He seeks narrow and ill-smelling streets where the houses nod at each other, as if in the last stages of senility, muttering mysterious reminiscences of old tragedies. He frequents scenes of ancient murders, and places where bandits once did congregate. He leaves the railway carriage, to cross a heath where romantic highwaymen used to ask the traveller to stand and deliver. He is indignant to find electric lights and policemen. A heath ought to be lonely, and fens ought to be preserved from drainage—Samuel McCloud Crothers in *Aantic Magazine*.

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Sunday, Dec. 15.

Aviation Exhibition at Shatin.

Tuesday, Dec. 17.

"An Ideal Husband" Theatre Royal.

Thursday, Dec. 19.

"An Ideal Husband" Theatre Royal.

Friday Dec. 20.

Service for Men, St. John's Cathedral 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21.

"An Ideal Husband" Theatre Royal.

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Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 20th of Dec., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th of Dec., at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 27th of Dec., 1912, or they will not be recognized.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1912.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1912, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land below Kennedy Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No.	Size	Locality	Boundary Measurements		Area in	Annual Rent
			feet	feet		
1	108' 7" x 77' 3"	108' 7" x 77' 3"	108' 7"	77' 3"	80' 11" x 65' 6"	100
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LOG BOOM.

Searchlights and Steam Signals. It is noticed in a recent number of the Ceylon Government Gazette that any vessel approaching or leaving Colombo Harbour when searchlights are being worked, and finding that they interfere with her safe navigation, may make use of the following signals either singly or combined:—(a) By flash lamp, four short flashes followed by one flash. (b) By whistle, siren, or foghorn, four short blasts followed by one long blast. Whenever possible, both flash lamp signals and sound signals should be used. On these signals being made, the searchlights will be worked so as to cause the least inconvenience, being either doused, raised, or their direction altered. The signals should not be used with out real necessity, as, unless the vessel is actually in the rays of the searchlight, it is impossible to know which searchlight is affected.

Port of Calcutta.

Few people have any idea of the enormous value of the trade that passes through the port of Calcutta, or the increase that has taken place within recent years. But, from a statement showing quantities and approximate value of the merchandise, exclusive of treasure and animals imported into and exported from Calcutta, by boats, inland steamers, rail, road, coasting steamers and ocean-going steamers, during the years 1903-04 and 1911-12, we get some idea as to what the trade development of Calcutta has been during these eight years. Thus, in 1903-04, the total imports by all the methods of transport named above, amounted to 7,586,988 tons, valued at 266,720,916. For 1911-12 the figures are 11,737,754 tons, being a net increase of 4,150,768 tons, valued at £104,505,724, or a net increase of £67,784,798. So that in eight years the value has nearly doubled itself. The total exports in 1903-04 amounted to 5,503,087 tons, valued at £67,876,088. In 1911-12 the total tonnage had risen to 8,032,268 tons, being an increase of 2,528,281 tons, valued at £107,506,720, or an increase of £39,630,061. Taking the imports and exports together, the total volume of trade amounted to 13,090,975 tons in 1903-04, which had risen in 1911-12 to 19,770,022 tons, being an increase of 6,679,047 tons. The value of this prodigious quantity in 1903-04 was \$134,597,594, which had risen in 1911-12 to \$212,012,453, being an increase in the eight years of \$77,414,859; or in Indian currency, an increase of 11,612,229,887 rupees, for both exports and imports.

The report that the Admiralty have ordered an oil-carrying vessel of 8,000 tons capacity, to be driven by a heavy-oil Diesel motor, appears to show that they have now decided eventually to add one more auxiliary to each battle fleet. Fleet colliers have supplied the fuel necessities of the past to a fleet or squadron at isolated places, when exercises and evolutions were being carried out, but so much oil fuel is now being used by the ships of the Navy that an oil-fuel ship has become as necessary as a collier to complete the fuelling of fleets and squadrons away from their bases for considerable periods. Great efforts have been directed of late years towards making all separate sea-going commands as self-contained as possible, from battle fleet to torpedo flotilla, and so auxiliaries in the shape of fleet colliers, parent ships, factory ships, hospital ships, &c., have been provided by converting old fighting ships of little value, or building new and more suitable vessels for the purpose. To these are apparently now to be added oil-fuel ships, which will be able to minister to the fuel necessities of a fleet at sea as well as in a harbour or roadstead. We have often pointed out that the "Globe" how much easier oil can be conveyed from one ship to another while at sea than coal, as the latter requires smooth water, while it should be possible to "oil" a battleship at sea in any moderate weather. The vessels built by the Admiralty for their oversea oil traffic carry 2,000 tons only; but a ship "oiling" a fleet would naturally require to be of much larger capacity.

Wives wanted in the Philippines. Five thousand young men in the Philippines making £400 a year or more, are in need of wives, says the "New York Herald." One of them has written to Dr. W. P. Cather, State Food and Dairy Commissioner of Missouri, asking him if he can be of any assistance in telling Missouri girls of the opportunity open to them.

The "nest" made by the escaped orang-utan in the Zoological Gardens recently was wired securely in the tree in which it was formed, so that this curious relic may be preserved. It has been inspected by a traveller, who claims to have seen similar structures made by orang-utan in their native woods in Borneo and Sumatra. He is of the opinion that they are not permanent habitations, but temporary shelters made every night, and that their object is not to provide a secure platform, but a protective roof over the head of the ape, itself resting on a branch underneath.

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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight	To be Applied To	Dispatched.
London and Antwerp	Denbighshire	J. M. & Co.	28 December	
London via Usual Ports of Call	Himalaya	P. & O. Co.	21 December	
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Sicilia	P. & O. Co.	25 Dec., about	
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	Alesia	H. A. L.	24 December	
do do do	Sambia	H. A. L.	11 January	
Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c.	Liberia	H. A. L.	16 December	
Bremen, and Hamburg, &c.	Brasilia	H. A. L.	5 January	
do do do	Fuerst Buelow	H. A. L.	23 January	
Marseilles and Hamburg, &c.	Segovia	H. A. L.	18 December	
Marseilles, London & Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	Tango Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December	
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Kiyo Maru	T. K. K.	1 February	
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Duneric	Bank Line	Begin, January	
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January	
Trieste via Singapore, Penang & Colombo, &c.	Africa	S. W. & Co.	19 December	
Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c.	Persia	S. W. & Co.	31 Dec., about	
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	Luetzow	M. & Co.	25 December	

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

Boston and New York	Egremont Castle	D & Co.	19 Dec., about	
New York, via Suez Canal	Schuylkill	Bank Line	30 December	
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	9 Jan., about	
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Chiyo Maru	T. K. K.	21 December	
do do do	Manchuria	P. M. Co.	17 December	
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Nile	P. M. Co.	31 December	
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Ockley	Bank Line	17 December	
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	26 December	
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January	
Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December	
	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January	

Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January	
Australian Ports via Manila	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	20 December	
do do	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	28 December	

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch	
do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch	
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yatsang	J. M. & Co.	18 December	
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Kirin Maru	N. Y. K.	14 December	
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Wakasa Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December	
Sandakan	Mansang	J. M. & Co.	10 December	
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch	
do	Tjinaneek	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	Vorwaerts	M. & Co.	30 Dec., about	
Kobe and Yokohama	Mishina Maru	N. Y. K.	10 December	
do do	Coblenz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about	
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Yawa Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December	
Kwang-chow-wang and Haiphong	Si-Kiang	M. M. Co.	18 December	
Swatow	Haimun	D. L. & Co.	15 December	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	17 December	
do	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	20 December	
Tamsui via Swatow and Amoy	Daigi Maru	O. S. K.	15 December	
Foochow via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	O. S. K.	18 December	
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	21 December	
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	17 December	
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	17 December	
do do do	Zafiro	S. T. & Co.	27 December	
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Rangoon Maru	N. Y. K.	18 December	
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Kutsang	J. M. & Co.	13 December	
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Armenit	H. A. L.	17 December	
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do do do	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December	
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do	Tjikini	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch	
do	Delta	P. & O. Co.	19 Dec., about	
do	Koerber	S. W. & Co.	5 January	
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"PRINZ WALDEMAR," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th of Dec., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th of Dec., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 24th of December, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th Dec. 1912. 1980

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SAMBLIA," Captain F. Bush, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Under-signed.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary is given to day.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 19th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo: —

or S.S. "August" from Stettin.

"Sontek" from Stettin.

"Earl" from Abu.

"Trileborg" from Abra.

"Norge" from Gothenburg.

"Taasring" from Copenhagen.

"King Ring" from Christiania.

HAMBURG-AMERIKAN LINIE.

Hongkong, 13th Dec. 1912. 1981

Petroleum.

Devon's Imp. Brilliant Oil

(2 tins) 3.42

Sylvan Arrow Oil (2 tins) 3.11

Fish Brand (2 tins in case at 3.15)

Oil (2 tins) at 3.15

Lamp Glass (2 tins in case at 3.15)

Langkawi (2 tins in case at 3.05)

Dragon (2 tins) at 2.95

Bulk Oil per drum of 4

galls at 2.55

Cross Oil (2 tins) at 2.75

Turpene per tin 4 gallons at 2.00

Salmon, — Ma Van Y	lb. 32
Shark, — Sa Yiu	8
Skate, — Po Yu	9
Shrimps, — Ha	24
Snapper, — Lap Yu	20
Soles, — Tat Sa Yu	16
Tench, — Wan Yu	15
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	18
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kork Yu	56
White Bait, — Ngau Yu Chai	—

FRUITS

Almonds, — Hung Yau	lb. 28
Apples (California) — Kam San Ping Kho	20
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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

MESSRS. KRUSE & CO.

A visit to Messrs. Kruse and Co's shop just now is almost as good as a trip to the West End of London from the shopper's point of view and there is a big surprise in store for those people who think that Hongkong is behind the times where ability to procure the latest novelties or luxuries is concerned. Just now this shop is a positive museum of up-to-date luxuries in the way of smokers' requisites, fancy articles for the home, and children's toys.

Necessarily much of the room space is devoted to all that the smoker wants. Here every well-known brand of cigars is to be found, together with Virginian and Egyptian cigarettes—the best that can be bought; while the show of pipes, cigar and cigarette cases, smokers' cabinets and stands, with ash-trays of every conceivable pattern and material, seems to render the place a Smoker's Paradise.

In buying Christmas presents for menfolk it is generally safe to give them something in the smoking line; but Messrs. Kruse are catering for the women and children as well, and the men who cannot find seasonable and suitable gifts here will be hard to please. The show of statuary and vases in metal, marble and porcelain is a beautiful sight which should not be missed; while the handsome bronze and terra cotta figures will set every artistic mouth watering. Special attention should be drawn, too, to the big selection of tea and coffee services, electroplated flagons and cocktail-shakers, as well as to the remarkably fine specimens of cut glass.

Other useful and ornamental presents range from fancy toilet and manicure sets, mirrors, and perfumes, to electric light bearing figures, and from leather goods of all kinds (purses, pocket-books, carl-senses, etc.) to plaques and pictures.

Perhaps it is of the little ones, however, that one thinks most at Christmas, and for them Messrs. Kruse are offering some extraordinary bargains: toys that to the children of a generation or two ago would have seemed to belong only to the realm of the imagination. The toy world has been revolutionised during the past ten years; toy-making and designing have become a fine art and the paltry, easily broken models of our own childhood's days are things of the past. Here, in addition to Christmas-tree decorations of all descriptions and Noah's Arks, teddy bears, tin soldiers and a variety of games, dolls, musical instruments, etc., are the very latest inventions in the way of boats, canons, railways, and engines, motor cars and other mechanical toys, all as instructive as they are amusing and—which will interest child and parent alike—unbreakable. The sight of the canons which now down tin soldiers with India-rubber cannon balls, or which can be loaded with Chinese crackers and will make enough bangs to exalt the average child to the seventh heaven of delight, makes one want to be young again; and we shall be much surprised if some of the engines and motors, with real electric lighting apparatus, do not afford as much pleasure to the parents as to the kiddies themselves.

But to return to this question of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco which, after all, are the articles with which this firm is mostly concerned. It is a hoary-headed joke that no sensible man will trust his womenfolk to buy his smoking materials for him; that the average woman judges the cigar by the picture on the box and the tobacco by the colour of the label on the tin. Such a belief has, no doubt, abundant foundation. In the case of Messrs. Kruse and Co, it would not, however, apply; or even if it did, the lady who bought her husband's smoking wherever on that principal would be doing him no injury, for the very simple reason that at this shop there are no bad cigars or tobacco; nothing but the very best.

THE DAIRY FARM CO.

The Dairy Farm Company has long ago exploded the notion that Home diet is unobtainable in this Colony. As a matter of fact, those people whose ox, or mire of life in the Far East has been gained, only in Hongkong little know to what an extent they are indebted to this enterprising firm. Farther south, where all the mutton grows on goats, where the only milk and butter obtainable have come from thousands of miles distant, in cans, or from insanitary local dairies and where the pork is "Chinese pork," men regard Hongkong as being pretty much the same as England, where the production of table-luxuries is concerned. Well, they may; and Hongkong people who inspect the Dairy Farm Company's stock of good things for Christmas will undoubtedly agree with them.

The butchery department will have plenty of good Christmas fare to offer: sirloins and ribs of beef, legs, shoulders, loins and saddle of mutton and unlimited pork that, if Chinese by virtue of its fatherland, is English in so far as clean and wholesome feeding are concerned. The same department has abundance of first-rate sausage-meat for stuffing turkeys.

Stuffing is not of much use with turkey; neither is Christmas. These facts have been foreseen by the Dairy Farm proprietors, and they are offering plenty of these succulent birds at a reasonable price; birds that have been specially fed and fattened at the Company's own farm.

Chickens and fat capons too are waiting to be killed and eaten, and all are in prime condition. The excellent dairy-products of the firm—eggs, butter, milk cream and cream cheeses—are too well known to need including in this Christmas survey.

Special attention should, however, be drawn to the splendid stock of ham and bacon English, American and Australian; as well as the well-filled tubs of corned pork, and tongues which may be inspected at the Company's Depot.

Another kind of good, of which separate mention should be made is the goodly company of German sausages with which the windows are now adorned. Instead of importing sausages the Dairy Company have gone a degree better and imported sundry mechanical sausage-makers and a real German artist to supervise the making. Henceforth all the best and most flavoursome sausages, made on the premises and of the finest quality of locally fed meat can be obtained here. A specially large stock has been laid in for Christmas but this is quickly growing smaller already.

To add to the seasonableness of the Christmas stock in trade, this firm has abundance of most home-like-looking, brown and pressed beef all ready for the table; so that no Hongkong Britisher has any excuse for not keeping Christmas in the old-fashioned way, so far as chow is concerned.

We would like specially to emphasize this new departure on the part of the Dairy Farm Company in connection with the sausage industry, the more so that hitherto such luxuries as blutwurst, leberwurst etc. have been received with a certain amount of suspicion. The proof of the sausage is not in the eating but in the making, and people have heard such weird stories of how these delicacies are compounded, such terrible tales have been bandied from one back as the time when Sun Weller's friend discovered the brass buttons in his breakfast dish even to to-day, that the sausage in general may well be received with well, doubt. The Dairy Farm Company invite inspection; they are offering nothing but the very best and purest material, and can therefore advertise their wares with a clear conscience and a light heart. Our opinion is—try these sausages once, and you will try them again.

RUTTONJEE AND SON.

The Christmas season is essentially a time of feasting and merriment. Such being the case, a store of the type of Messrs. Ruttonjee's, where almost everything to satisfy the creature cravings may be had, is an absolute necessity to those who wish their tables well set out. One's stock of wines and spirits must, of course, be replenished, and he would be a strange man whose tastes could not be amply met at this well-known house.

Messrs. Ruttonjee are agents of the famous Ruinart champagne which is so deservedly popular on the Continent. This is a first-class extra dry champagne particularly suited to the English taste, and, coming from one of the oldest and best known houses in the world, may be confidently recommended to those on the lookout for a really good, satisfying Champagne of tip-top quality. The vintage is 1904. Another specialty which Messrs. Ruttonjee are offering is Dixons Double Diamond Old Port, known everywhere as an unusually choice and fruity brand. Guaranteed to be 40 years old, it possesses all the best characteristics of the high class ports among which it so highly ranks. Special attention is drawn to Pernod's sherries of various qualities, all being distinctly above the average and of a fine, nutty flavour. Among whiskies, Johnstone's "M. P." takes a foremost place. There is a very big consignment of the best French sweets from the well-known house of Jacquin and Sons. These include many varieties of caramels, almonds, chocolates, etc., all of the highest. Christmas puddings, cakes, mince-meats, etc., all specially imported from England for the festive season, must not be forgotten, nor must the splendid display of fancy crackers, which are of most attractive and artistic types and make extremely beautiful table decorations.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

A glance round the Alexandra cafe convinces that nobody need go short, this year, of the good things that help to make Christmas what it is to the Englishman. An argument in favour of the Alexandra which will appeal to busy housewives and to all who do not entirely trust their Chinese cook, where the production of appetising Christmas fare is concerned, is the fact that in most cases the goods are all ready for the table, and that all have been prepared under the very strictest European supervision.

This cafe is well known for its excellent plain and fancy bread and cakes, as also for its confectionery, sweets etc.; for its meals *a la carte* and its late suppers. Attention should be drawn, however, to its fried fish and potatoes (London style), its haddock, kippers, blasters and other smoked fish—luxuries which people are always telling us are not procurable in Hongkong. There are oysters, too, and Melton Mowbray pork pies of mutton, beef and veal and ham; while the plum puddings, mince-pies, and Christmas cakes on sale are calculated to make us forget that we are not living at home.

We learn from Mr. Howard, the proprietor, that the Alexandra Cafe is about to undergo considerable renovation and alterations; better accommodation will be arranged for ladies, and the whole place will be overhauled. Mr. Howard claims to be able to give the best meal in the Colony for a dollar. Wines and spirits, of the best quality, are served with meals if desired. Mr. Howard's old friends will all be glad to hear that he is restored to health and is able to give his undivided attention to his customers.

A word should be added about this dollar meal on which Mr. Howard so justly prides himself. The man who must get "out" should try it once and he will go back a second time—and a good many more.

We can recommend those who like their homes well appointed to pay a visit to Messrs. Warren and Company's premises,

THE FRENCH STORE.

Continents who hanker after the special diet of their own country, and Britisher who now and again hark back wistfully to the fare of Leicester Square French restaurants, should pay a visit to the French Store in Queen's Road. So also, should seekers after the best French bonbons and English and Scotch candies.

In addition to a large and fine firm, the ordinary household requisites in the way of grocery, provisions and fancy breads, the French Store is advertising plenty of good things which, pleasant enough at all times, are doubly so at Christmas. A carefully selected stock of foreign wines and spirits has been laid in, and there are more varieties of tinned Continental luxuries than could be enumerated in a column: fish, preserved vegetables, meat, fruit etc.

The new Christmas stock of sweets includes all manner of French chocolates, fondants, nougats, pastilles, marrons glaces, fruits glaces, etc., as well as chocolates of the best British makes (Cadbury, Fry etc.) all kinds of candies, and sweets in bottles. As for nuts and dried fruits are concerned, there is plenty of choice, the figs, dates and prunes being especially fine.

The French Store is further offering for sale a grand variety of dolls, toys of all descriptions, fancy goods and Santa Claus stockings; and those who are buying for Christmas, whether for themselves or for the little ones, will be hard to please if they cannot find what they want up in silver mounted bottles.

Those, also, who seek special continental groceries, particular kinds of biscuits, coffees etc., can get what they want at this store; and, further, we must not forget to mention the fine cheeses of all descriptions of which there is a goodly supply and which, till comparatively recently, were regarded as unprocurable luxuries in other departments.

Mention must be made, too, of the alarm boxes which are of peculiar interest in these days of burglar scares. Jewels or money are kept in these boxes which are as innocent looking as could be.

But, inside is some mechanism which, when the box is touched, sets up such a row as would scare any burglar nearly out of his wits and must awaken the whole household. The alarm box can be recommended.

Smokers will find here all that they require to make their hearts glad. Meerschaum and briar-pipes, smoker's companions, tobacco pouches, boxes and jars, all high class goods and plenty of them. One can only hint at the number and quality of smoker's requisites which are especially suitable for Christmas and New Year presents. A special word, however, might be remarked concerning a special assortment of calabash pipes, any one of which will make a most acceptable present.

The wine department of Messrs. Watson is well known but one has to visit the wine cellar adequately to gather an impression of the wealth and quality of wines and spirits stored. Here is an immense store of the most popular of English and European wines. One sees bottles with the dust of—not centuries but, the years necessary to make wine really mellow on them; and one sees wines, more newly bottled—a great, solid regiment of bottles standing square and imposing like soldiers on parade.

Messrs. Watson have a clever idea of assorted cases of wine and spirits for Christmas. There are at various prices, but each case contains just what would be wanted for a Christmas dinner. We give the composition of a sample case:—3 bottles of St. Marceaux champagne, 1 bottle of superior dry sherry, 2 bottles of port, 1 bottle of the finest of old brown brandy, 2 bottles of Scotch whisky, 2 bottles of claret, and a small bottle of cherry brandy. From the champagne to the liqueur, everything is of the best quality and the price is only \$30. But high quality at a reasonable price is the feature of all the Christmas and New Year specialities offered by Messrs. Watson & Co.

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1—Bottle Claret, La Rose, D Quality.
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1—Bottle Port, Very Fine Old Tawny, D Quality.
1—Bottle Port, Very Fine Old Tawny, D Quality.
1—Bottle Herring's Very Old Tawny, D Quality.

Case No. 2.—\$30.

1—Bottles St. Marceaux Champagne.
1—Bottle Sherry, Superior Pale Dry, D Quality.
2—Bottles Port, Very Fine Old Tawny, D Quality.
1—Bottle Very Fine Old Brown Brandy, D Quality.
1—Small Bottle Herring's Cherry Brandy.

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

A visit to Messrs. F. Blackhead & Co.'s store is necessary before the Christmas shopper can claim to have secured all that is necessary for the table or in the way of presents. Of tempting soups, meats, and fish there is a long and imposing list from which to make selection. Tinned fruits there are in plenty and a wealth of pickles. In these lines there is something to suit every palate and every purse. What especially strikes the visitor is the air of solid attractiveness about this store. Everything looks good, quite apart from the fact that the name of Blackhead is sufficient warranty of excellence in quality.

Turning to the wines and spirits department, we find such a variety as is seldom met with. More than that, the names of the best makers are found here. In Sherries and Ports, for instance, we find Marques del Merito and Cutler, Palmer & Co., London; in Whiskies, Haig and Haig of Glasgow and James Watson & Co., Dundee, appear amongst others; in Hocks, E. and F. Canter; in liqueurs, Bola. These are merely a selection taken in course of a walk round the establishment. Claret, at quite a number of prices, are on offer, and the name of Pockwitz and Beerman, Bordeaux, is a sufficient guarantee of excellence. Amongst the champagnes on view we caught sight of those of Söhlein & Co. and were immediately satisfied that all was well here, whether the customer wanted a really expensive or a more moderately-priced wine.

The point to note is that the liquors suit every purse and every taste. The prices are moderate, consistent with good quality and fine flavour; more than that no purchaser can wish. But the would-be buyer need not, except he so desires, purchase wine here, spirits there; if he wishes to secure just the wines and spirits that are essential for the Christmas season, Messrs. Blackhead will arrange to make up a case for him, and so save a deal of trouble.

It is hardly necessary to remark that Messrs. Blackhead make a specialty of beers. They are agents for the Union Brewery, Shanghai, and their list is lengthy and imposing. Tsingtao beer, of various kinds, is on sale—"Gold, Export," "Munich," "Pilsener"—names to conjure with. They attract all lovers of a good glass of beer. There are various other brands of Pilsener beer, for instance, and special mention must be made of Putzenhofer beer—light and dark. The man who cannot find here something to suit him is no judge of beer.

Turning to other lines, we may remark on some articles which are particularly suitable for Christmas presents. We noticed a fine lot of Gillette razors, for example, and cute little electric pocket lens which possesses very durable batteries. It is worth noting that Messrs. Blackhead offer some articles for Christmas presents which are rather outside the usual run. We observed some cash boxes, for instance, which are especially suitable, and we have seen worse presents than a Delphin filter which renders water absolutely germ free. These may not be presents of the dainty type, which is very often a type lacking in usefulness, but they are excellent and acceptable presents nevertheless.

The visitor to Messrs. Blackhead's comes away with the comfortable feeling that he has seen nothing that is not of first-class quality. There is an attractive air of imposing solidity and high quality about the goods, which are finely presented, and the visitor cannot escape being impressed.

By the way, Messrs. Blackhead's windows are brilliantly-lighted up till 10 o'clock each evening. Those who are unable for any reason, to visit the establishment during the day have thus an opportunity of inspecting the variety of goods on view. It is only fair to warn them, however, that the windows do no more than hint very ineffectively at the vast number of tempting things to be secured at this well-known house.

WEISMANN AND CO., LTD.

THE SINCERE COMPANY.

By a most scrupulous regard to the wishes of its extremely large clientele this popular house has built up for itself a thoroughly sound reputation in all lines which it touches. The very best of things are always associated with the name of Weismann in Hongkong, and in consequence the well-known establishment will surely command, as it certainly deserves, a very big share of the Colony's Christmas trade. Popular as the firm has become, there are quite a number of people who imagine that its operations are limited to the running of the noted Des Voeux Road Cafe. But this is far from the actual case, as a "Telegraph" representative learned on being shown "behind the scenes", as it were. He found it in reality a big business concern simultaneously running a most successful cafe, a very extensive confectionery department, a thoroughly up-to-date bakery, and a splendidly organised catering business.

In the shop itself there is at present an exceedingly tempting stock of all the best Christmas dainties. Weismann's is the leading house in the Colony for confections, and occupying a high place among the many delicacies are their own home-made chocolates, for which they have become justly famous.

In close proximity to the cafe is the establishment's thoroughly up-to-date kitchen. Here are installed a very fine English hotel range and a big grill, which are of sufficient dimensions to allow of catering for such big gatherings as the St. Andrew's Ball, when provision is made for over a thousand guests.

A visit to the store rooms, in the same block of buildings, gives ample evidence of the big stock of goods carried by the firm. Weismann's coffee has won much fame locally, and this is in consequence of the great care taken in blending the berries from Morocco, Java and Timor, which are specially imported. At present there are over 100 sacks of coffee stored here, and every day at least 60 lbs. are roasted for sale and consumption in the cafe. Housewives who wish to make sure of securing coffee of the correct blend can do no better than use Weismann's. There is also here a fresh stock of crockery and table requisites, fresh out from home enabling the firm to cater for fully 1,500 people at such gatherings as garden parties, weddings and other social entertainments.

It is by a visit to the bakery at Wanchai, however, that the extent of Messrs. Weismann's activities can best be gauged. Here the firm has had specially built a fine fire-proof building in which are accommodated the most up-to-date steam ovens in the Far East. These are two in number, one a double and the other a single. They are of the very latest design, and absolutely uniform temperature, which can be regulated at will, is ensured. Up to 4,000 lbs. of cake or bread can be baked per day. The whole establishment is under strict European supervision, so that absolute purity is ensured. A word should also be written of the care taken in the making and baking of bread. Weismann's, Ltd., import their own flour and have always a running stock of about 2,000 bags. These flours are specially blended in accordance with methods which are the result of long experience, and the beautiful Vienna bread which is produced is known throughout the Colony, being largely used in the leading Clubs, hotels, hospitals and other public institutions.

The confectionery department is also housed at the Bakery, and here are made the firm's justly-famed home-made chocolates. Our representative saw these sweetmeats being manufactured under European supervision in absolutely spotless surroundings and untouched by hand. Weismann's are the only firm in the Colony who make their own chocolates, and at present 60 lbs. a day are being turned out for the Christmas trade.

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

WILLIAM POWELL LTD.

Those who are wondering where to find dainty, useful and really good articles which will make seasonable gifts during the Christmas season need wonder no longer if they pay a visit to that popular chemist store, the Victoria Dispensary. The one point which strikes one in glancing over the firm's stock is the surprising variety of goods, suitable in size and also accommodating in price, which cannot fail to give pleasure to one's friends as presents. One of the new lines, expressly secured for the Christmas season, is the extremely pretty assortment of silver-cased bottles in which are contained the firm's famous Old English Lavender Water, whose superb quality is known everywhere. What makes these to be especially attractive Christmas presents is the beauty of the silver designs as well as the quaint shape of the bottles, which can always be used with great effect as dressing-table fixtures. This special line sells in two prices—\$12 and \$17—and we can well recommend readers to pay a visit to the shop if only to see these striking articles.

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There is no better place to go to for Christmas gifts than to a well-stocked book store. That is what Messrs. Brewer and Company's establishment is, and the advice we would offer our readers is therefore quite obvious—pay a visit. It is of the children that we particularly think at this season of the year, and as one glances over the very fine lot of books specially provided for juvenile consumption one inevitably thinks how much better off are the children of to-day than those of a generation ago. What could be a more delightful present to a boy or girl than Jack's "Shown to the Children" series? These books, of which Messrs. Brewer have a big assortment, are most daintily produced, and they tell in language easy to understand, and what is more, in a manner which is bound to interest, all that there is worth knowing about such thoroughly engrossing subjects as birds, butterflies, flowers, the stars, and so forth.

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BOILED HAM (1/2 " "	1.50
GERMAN SMOKED SAUSAGES per lb.	2.25
WESTPHALIAN SMOKED HAM	.95
SMOKED SALMON (1/4 Kg. tin)	.75
CHEESEBERT CHEESE Per tin	.65
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BOYS AND GIRLS

AND

LEATHER GOODS.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 14th Dec., 1912.

1912

COMMERCIAL.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby in their weekly share report, dated December 14, state:—

The Market has continued very firm during the week and a considerable amount of business has been done locally and with Shanghai. Para Rubber is quoted from London 4/6.1-2 per lb. and the market for shares closes weak.

Bar Silver is 20.0-16 per oz. for ready and 20.1-2 per oz. for forward delivery, market steady.

Exchange on London opened to-day at 2/15-16 T.T.

Banks:—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been done at \$312.1-2 and \$315 with buyers at the latter rate. London quotes \$34: 10.0.

Marine Insurances:—Unions after sales at \$815 and \$817 close with sellers at \$820. Cantons have advanced to \$207 sales and buyers. North Chinas are quoted Tls. 132 buyers North and Yangtze Tls. 190 ex 73.

Fire Insurances:—Hongkong Fires are \$375 buyers with no business to report. China Fires are still wanted at \$146.

Shipping:—Indians have dropped to \$88 with various sales from \$94 down. London quotes 2/15.0 Middle prices. Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboats have been done at \$28, \$28½ and \$28½ and close with further buyers at \$28½. China Manilas were sold at \$8 and \$7½ closing with buyers at the former.

Douglas changed hands at \$32 and are in demand. Star Ferries after sales at \$30 are quoted \$38 sellers. S. & T. Transports, have sellers at \$12. London quotes 110/- Middle.

Refineries:—China Sugars are neglected at \$108 sellers. Luzons have been freely dealt in at \$33.1-2, \$34 and \$34.1-2 closing steady.

Mining:—Raubs after sales at \$4.1-4 and \$4.15 are obtainable at \$4, buyers offering \$3.90. Langkats varied considerably during the week but close with buyers at Tls. 70 cash.

Tronoks are in demand pt. 78/9 cum div. for London account. Pahangs Consolidated are quoted 10/3 middle price.

Docks, Wharves & Godowns:—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been booked at \$50.1-2, \$57.1-2 and \$58 and are in further request at the latter rate.

Kowloon wharves close quiet at \$70 cash after sales at equivalent rates forward up to March. Shanghai docks at Tls. 48 and Hongkaws at Tls. 103 are unchanged and without local business to report.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings:—Hongkong Lands have been sold \$104.1-2 and are in demand. Kowloon Lands after sales at \$36 are wanted. West Points are buyers at \$57. Hongkong Hotels (old) are unchanged at \$115 buyers; the new shares have been done at \$73. Humphreys Estates are wanted at \$8.40 business done at \$8.12.

Cotton Mills:—Hongkong Cottons quiet with sellers at \$7.1-2 but at \$7.1-4 there are buyers. Shanghai Cottons had improved to Tls. 115 buyers in the north. Kung Yiks are wanted at Tls. 14.1-2 December.

Miscellaneous:—Cements close with sellers at \$4.20 after sales at \$4.30 \$4½ and \$4.20. China Bureaus were booked at \$9 and are wanted. China Providents are enquired for at \$9 after sales. There have been sales of Dairy Farms at \$21. Ropes at \$19, and Watsons at \$5.90 with further buyers at the rates. China Light and Powers were sold at \$2.10 and \$2.20 buyers now offering \$2.1. Watsons were booked at \$5.90 and close with buyers, sellers asking \$6. Steam Laundries have advanced to \$4.50 sales and buyers with sales at various rates from \$3.1-2 upward. Gande, Price and Co. were sold at \$6 closing in demand. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without business to report.

Quotations received by cable from London to-day:—

Banks 28: 10: 0

Indos 23: 15: 0 middle price

Shells 110/-

Tronoks 76/9 buyers 79/6 sellers cum div.

Pahangs 10/3 middle price.

United So. dangs 125/- middle price ex div.

Rubber Trusts 100 middle price ex div.

London Asbestos 12/- middle price.

NOTICES

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY (BRITISH SECTION).

NOTICE.

The Public is hereby notified that on the 1st Aviation Meeting at Shun Tia, the following alteration will take place in the local train service on Saturday and Sunday, December 14th and 15th.

On Saturday the train advertised to leave Kowloon at 1.25 p.m. for Shun Tia, will leave at 5.51 p.m. and return from Shun Tia at 6.52 p.m. arriving Kowloon at 7.39 p.m.

On the above dates the Express train leaving Shun Tia at 6.05 p.m. will call at Fanling at 6.10 p.m. to pick up passengers.

Special train for the Aviation Meeting will leave Kowloon every half hour from 12 noon to 3.30 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained at the Booking Office: Star Ferry Pier, Hongkong, Messrs. Mouttrie & Co., Thomas Cook & Co., and Kowloon Railway Station.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager,
Kowloon, 11th December 1912.

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THE PIONEER PLACE OF ENTERTAINMENT OF HONGKONG.

2 Performances:

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7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 min.

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10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 15 min.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

SUNDAYS.

Extra Cars at 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS.

Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road.

H. D. HUMPHREYS & SON General Managers, Hongkong, 8th Nov. 1911.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

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Loans on Mortgaged or Non-Mortgaged Property &c.

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THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertakers and Executors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1908.

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In Casks of 375 lbs. net.

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Hongkong, 16th August, 1901.

ENTERTAINMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G. and Commodore Astrachan, C.M.G.

THE BOATSWAIN'S MATE

A Comedy in One Act

by

W. W. JACOBS

To be preceded by

A Grand Variety Entertainment.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY the 13th and 14th Dec.

Commencing at 9.15 p.m.

Prices 3/-, 2/- and 1/-.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform

half price to Gallery.

Proceeds to be devoted to Local Charities.

Booking at MOUTRIE & CO.,

AVIATION MEETING HONGKONG.

(AT SHATIN) under the distinguished Patronage of H. E. the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.

on SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 14th and 15th Dec., at 4 p.m. The famous Aviator

MR. A. KOUMINSKY will give an excellent exhibition of flying in his illustrious monoplane.

Tickets (including 1st class railway fare to and from Shatin and ferry to and from Kowloon) \$3.00. Tickets (including 3rd class railway fare to and from Shatin and ferry to and from Kowloon) \$1.00.

Tickets for sale at the Hongkong and Kowloon Ferry Stations, Moutries and Hongkong Hotel.

Special trains will run every half hour from noon to 3.30.

A RED FLAG will be hoisted on the Ferry at Kowloon and Hongkong if flying is to take place.

A YELLOW FLAG will be hoisted if for any reason the exhibition is declared off.

If through accident, while the Red Flag is hoisted, Mr. Kouzminsky finds he is unable to fly, \$3 on first class tickets and 60 cents on second class tickets will be refunded.

To avoid the crush buy your tickets early.

BOXING! BOXING!!

GREAT SPECIAL BOUTS. VICTORIA SKATING RINK, 14th December, 1912.

20 ROUNDS.

GNE. YOBE, Heavyweight Champion, North China.

10 Rounds

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8 ROUNDS

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8 ROUNDS

JOE WATER. v. Pte. WILKES, MAN, Manila.

8 ROUNDS

Ringside \$5.00, Stalls, \$3.00. Pit \$2.00.

Soldiers and Sailors half Price to the \$2.00 seats.

7.15 PICTURES ONLY. 7.15

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EIGHT Famine Districts with an area of 30,000 square miles.

TWO and a half million people facing starvation.

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Late Train to the Peak.

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Hongkong, 16th August, 1901.

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

SHORT SERMON.

Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the end.—Ezekiel, xliii, 1. "The day breaks and the shadows flee."

Out of the darkness light is born. The sleeper wakes to a new day. It is not alone his day—it is the day of all who awaken at the signal of sunrise. It is the common opportunity which God gives to his children; the common and free chance to be and to do; to make good or ill use of time and things; to live and love.

After each night he brings us to this gate that looketh toward the east. However long and painful may have been the watches of the light of day they fade back into nothingness.

For he is a kind and loving Father, who looks with mercy upon his children and in his mercy wipes away yesterday's mistakes and stumblings with the greateraser, Night, bringing us again to the gate of another chance.

Few, perhaps, ever get from the morning all that has been put into it for our guidance and help. Few, perhaps, see in it more than a "notch in the marking stick which Time uses. Yet from this gate which looks toward the east is a prospect which should cheer and strengthen each of us in the highest measure."

First of all, it is the prospect of another chance to improve upon the work we have done poorly; the tasks we have slighted; the results which have not been what they should have been.

Then it is another chance to live more nobly; to live less for self and more for others; to be of greater use in the new day that is before the worker. As the morning air is fresh and invigorating, even so is the thought that yesterday's mistakes may be mended, or that new deeds of larger worth may be planned and started.

From this gate that looks toward the east we can see the sun coming up over the hill or the plain—the sun which is the source of all light and heat—and as its glorious smile greets us, we may think of our God-given opportunities to light dark lives and warm cold and barren homes. Often it takes so little to accomplish those great ends that we hardly are aware of the small expenditure of time and effort.

And from this gate, whither we are led by the Father of all light, we see His sun shining alike on all that is; alike on those who succeed and those who fail; on those who are good and those whose weakness has not been conquered. It is the old sun of hope and comfort that has been helping humanity all these years, and it teaches a great lesson.

The lesson that we, too, as God's children, should shine out each morning, brightening our spheres and leading those who depend on us to the gate that looketh east.

A short time ago it was intimated that certain changes in the M. M. service to Australia were contemplated, and recently the Agent-General of the Colombo office was able to give a "Ceylon Independent" representative details of what these changes are to be. The changes will only come into effect from 1914, when the company will discontinue the present direct mail service to Australia. Instead, there will be inaugurated an intermediate service from Marseilles via intermediate ports to Colombo, thence to Batavia, and finally to Brisbane, New Caledonia and Sydney. This will be once in four weeks, and the return voyage will be made via the same ports. The call at Bombay will be discontinued altogether. The change in the Australian service was decided upon as it was found to be unremunerative, whilst the company also finds it difficult to compete with the Orient and P. and O. Companies. In their opinion it will pay better to develop the service to the Far East and to this line they put on their best ships. A new service will be inaugurated from Marseilles to Colombo, thence to Singapore, Saigon and Haiphong, and back by the same route. There will be one steamer a month. The new steamers which the Company is building will be put on this line.

THE LATE CAPTAIN PALMER.

Concerning the late Captain C. N. Palmer whose death was reported recently in the "Telegraph," the "China Press" has the following:

Captain Palmer, spent over 30 years in the Customs service, and his personal reminiscences covered a wide and interesting range of Chinese history. He figured in the Crimean war, at which time Florence Nightingale was on board his ship, and was second in command of the famous Great Eastern when she laid the first Atlantic cable. When the Confederate ambassadors from the southern states to England and France, Mason and Slidell, were taken off the Trent by an American man-of-war, Captain Palmer was on board.

These are but a few of the more interesting events of his long and active life. He was born in Hampshire, England, in 1835, his father being an officer in the India army. He was educated at Chelton College and made his first voyage to India in 1851. In 1852-3 he went to Port Phillip, Australia, when Melbourne was but a town of huts.

During the Crimean war he was on the transport Tynemouth, carrying troops.

After the battle of Balaklava he took a large number of the wounded down to the Smyrna hospital, and Florence Nightingale, who was the originator of the great system of nursing homes now in existence, accompanied them. Captain Palmer knew her well and retained a vivid remembrance of her work among the wounded.

Perhaps his most interesting reminiscences were those of his days with the Great Eastern. He was the last surviving officer of that ship, which was the marine marvel of its day and by far the largest ship afloat at that time. She was designed for carrying mails and passengers to India, but met with accidents, and was incapable of great speed, so that she was sold for £25,000 and later on was turned to great account in the laying of the Atlantic cable. She was the only ship afloat at the time capable of handling the 2,600 miles of cable used in this work. During the laying of the cable Captain Palmer acted as second and then first officer in command.

Captain Palmer was fond of relating the incidents of the cable's laying, all of the labour and romance in the great undertaking being shared by him in no common way.

It was in 1879 that Captain Palmer came to China, and during the 31 years of his service in the Customs covered a wide territory in China. At one time, while captain of the Peng Seng Hoi, he was sent to stop opium smuggling and had the unique experience of firing on a steamer flying the British flag. It was the Carrisbrook, owned by Singapore Chinese.

For some time Captain Palmer had been in Singhai awaiting the outcome of the matter of pensions. He had expected to be the first pensioner under the new order of pensioners, incident upon the separation of the post office from the customs.

JAPANESE AVIATOR'S FALL.

On the 4th instant Mr. Tsuzuki, a Japanese aviator who has been experimenting with an aeroplane near Tokyo, started on a flight across Tokyo Bay. When about a mile and a half from Shibusawa the aeroplane was struck by a squall and fell into the sea from a height of about 300 feet.

Fortunately for the aviator, the Water Police were able to reach him within a minute or two, and he was rescued with no more serious injuries than a few bruises.

The aeroplane was badly damaged, says the "Japan Chronicle," the whole of the right wing having buckled up, while the propeller was also broken. Mr. Tsuzuki will make another attempt to fly across the bay as soon as repairs to his machine are completed.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Manila, s.s. Rubi.

Coast Port, s.s. Kaijo-maru.

Australia etc., s.s. St. Albans.

Swatow, s.s. Kaichow.

Shanghai, s.s. Yushun.

Left London Nov. 23

Due Shanghai Dec. 9

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

American, Chiyo Maru, 16th inst.

The Amazon with the French Mail leaves Saigon on Sunday the 15th instant at 5.30 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 18th instant at daylight.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Tamsui—Per Daigai Maru, 15th Dec., 9 a.m.

Formosa via Tamsui—Per Helene, 15th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hoitow, Haiphong and Pakhioi—Per Ieddericksen, 15th Dec., 9 a.m.

Amoy—Per Hongbee, 15th Dec., 4 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 16th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Tijpanas, 16th Dec., 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 16th Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow and Shanghai—Per Lienhsing, 16th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongsang, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Lienhsing, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per Fausing, 17th Dec., 10 a.m.

French Mail.

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